**BSNL's cellular mobile service**

†206. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the scheme relating to the introduction of cellular mobile service by BSNL in the country;

(b) the details of the time schedule prescribed for this along with the money required to be invested;

(c) whether any assistance has been sought from private sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b)The state-wise breakup of the plans for the introduction of cellular mobile service by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the country are as per the details in enclosed Statement (See below). BSNL has already launched the cellular mobile services in all the States except in J&K,'North-East and Assam where the services are likely to be available in the next financial year. The investment for the project would be around Rs. 2500 crore.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

**Sfafement**

*State-wise Breakup Plans for Coverage of BSNL Mobile Service*

| SI. No. | State | Cities planned to be covered | Total Lines Capacity Planned |
|---|---|---|---|
| East | | | |
| 1. | Andaman & Nicobar | 1 | 4000 |
| 2. | Assam | 23 | 42550 |
| 3. | Bihar | 33 | 92550 |

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

| SI. No. | State | Cities planned to be covered | Total Lines Capacity Planned |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | Jharkhand | 16 | 54200 |
| 5. | North East | 49 | 50800 |
| 6. | Orissa | 38 | 114150 |
| 7. | West Bengal | 35 | 108050 |
| North | | | |
| 8. | Haryana | 40 | 111050 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 20 | 34000 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 14 | 41200 |
| 11. | Punjab | 62 | 290000 |
| 12. | Rajasthan | 40 | 137650 |
| 13. | Uttar Pradesh | 91 | 385750 |
| 14. | Uttaranchal | 13 | 59350 |
| South | | | |
| 15. | Andhra Pradesh | 94 | 595600 |
| 16. | Karnataka | 26 | 307150 |
| 17. | Kerala | 100 | 326585 |
| 18. | Tamil Nadu | 68 | 465900 |
| West | | | |
| 19. | Gujarat | 74 | 459750 |
| 20. | Madhya Pradesh | 62 | 112900 |
| 21. | Chhattisgarh | 07 | 22950 |
| 22. | Maharashtra | 124 | 495300 |
| | TOTAL : | | 4311435 |

**Telecom Regulatory Authority of India**

207. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whetherTRAI is truly an independent body;